

Solar heating plan for recreation centre

Ald. Eric Sherwood unveiled plans to study solar heating for the pool at the Panorama Leisure Centre at Monday night's council meeting and added the possibilities are very promising.

Donald Thompson, the force behind Solstice Design and Construction Limited, wrote to Brian Storrier, of the recreation

centre early in March with a proposal for solar heating.

He wrote "regarding a proposal to have the National Research Council fund a solar installation for heating the recreation centres swimming pool."

"I feel this is a valid proposal," he wrote ... and if accepted, there would be a substantial financial savings for the

recreation centre in annual pool heating costs."

Thompson recently complied with the terms of a previous National Research Council grant for solar heating in residential buildings.

Sherwood said a proposal from Thompson will be made in the near future.

SPAWNING GROUNDS THREATENED

Indians oppose development

By GRANIA LITWIN

While members of council made no official statements about Genstar's development proposal at the meeting, Central Saanich subdivision and zoning committee heard all comments made by the close to 500 people jammed into the hall and will meet to discuss the subject next week. (See story page 7).

According to mayor Jean Butler, who reserved comment pending next week's study of the plan, there was what seemed to be "a very great opposition to it" in a hand clapping vote.

"Personally," she said, "we have to protect the Burchart Gardens. It is world renowned and a great tourist attraction to the whole of Victoria and British Columbia."

She said she will make further comments after having an opportunity to go over the principal.

George MacFarlane, chairman of the committee, told The Review he was impressed with the number of people who turned out for

the meeting and said in his opinion, "the vast majority were not in favor of it."

He added that council has, in the past, been very responsive to the wishes of the community.

"Personally I don't think it's on at all," he said, "and I do not support it."

"I think it's in the wrong place in the wrong era — maybe a 100 years from now."

MacFarlane went on to say that the proposed land use contract would have an "extremely high density."

"It borders on the whole of the north side of Tod Creek and the southern side of Butchart Gardens," he said, and according to David Paul this is the whole problem.

Paul was speaking on behalf of members of the Tsartlip Indian Reserve who, he says, "Have aboriginal hunting and fishing rights to the land."

"It (the land use contract) would have a totally negative impact on our reserve as a whole ... for one thing it is the only place in the area where herring spawn."

Paul explained that Tod Creek is the one remaining location on Saanich Peninsula where construction and development has not disturbed the natural spawning grounds of herring.

A treaty made between the Natives and Hudsons Bay Company granting hunting rights "is not being honored" if this development is allowed, said Paul.

"There will be quite a repercussion by people in this area if it goes through," Paul threatened.

Saanichton farmer Tom Michell said perhaps one of the most unsettling aspects of the proposal is the developer is seeking only to zone the land for high density under a land use contract.

"He is not going to build the houses himself," Mitchell said, adding that the developer will have no influence on the subdivision itself as far as safeguards, attractiveness or screening the gardens is concerned.



A tragic accident was narrowly averted last week on Wains road when this car crashed into another vehicle whilst en route to the Swartz Bay ferry terminal. Sidney RCMP told The Review that if all four persons had not been wearing their seat belts at least one fatality might have resulted from the mid-morning collision. Mrs. Ann Creighton of 1525 Shasta Place, Victoria had three

young persons in the car with her and was planning to catch a Gulf Islands ferry when the accident occurred as she pulled out to pass another car. Beverley Shanks of 556 Meldram Drive was also involved in the crash and was taken to Rest Haven Hospital for 24-hour observation. [Review Photo].

Faulty septic tanks health hazard

"We've been putting our heads in the sand for decades I think it's time we looked for some solutions."

North Saanich alderman John Lapham spoke bluntly Monday night about the serious effluent problem in that municipality, but while other aldermen agreed with him, he was told a solution would not come overnight.

He was told to be patient and that a regional study is being done to locate serious health hazard areas and those which can be most economically corrected.

The mayor explained that first the study is looking at the whole area "in terms of where are the systems not working second from the point of view of engineering."

"But this is where we were 20 years ago and I don't think we've moved a bloody iota — we had a study done way back in '65."

But George Westwood countered, "We can't do those things in isolation, hitherto everything has been piecemeal like the water studies several years ago."

The subject arose Monday night when Ald. Edgar Farthing pointed out that there are more than a dozen faulty septic tanks in the Deep Cove area and that they are creating a potential health hazard.

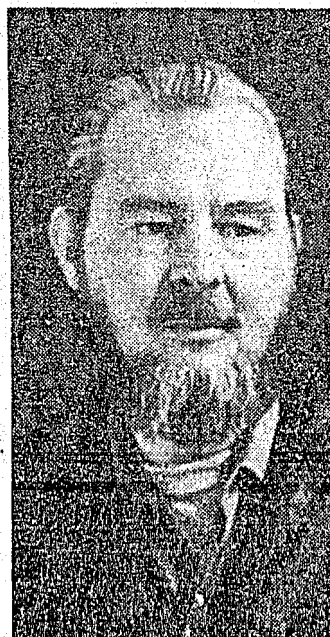
Municipal engineer Leo den Boer told council he would like to make a report on the local situation and hand it over to the local medical health officer by April 15.

But in the meantime, according to Lapham, "We don't seem to be making sure through the local health officers that we are not putting in tanks that are failing now."

He cited examples of houses that are barely three years old with inoperative septic drainage fields already.

Farthing said this is often the case, claiming that an inspector looks at the layout of the septic field and drainage pipes before it is filled in with earth.

"If a vehicle runs over it after its covered the inspector never goes back," said Farthing.



ALD. JOHN LAPHAM ... "heads in sand"

"It distresses me that we just keep building more malfunctioning tanks," said Lapham.

Westwood said the municipality has been plagued by effluent problems for about 10 or 15 years, and that a solution would not come overnight.

"Isolation of the septic field during construction is still in the mill," he said. "If a bulldozer taps it all down after the inspection we are back to square one."

"We can't change the world overnight but we're doing our best."

According to Westwood, part of the problem is that the local inspector must divide his time between the municipality and Salt Spring Island.

Den Boer said "I believe the health inspector has gone to four or five of those homes and wasn't able to gain entry in the remainder and due to lack of time was forced to go back."

According to Westwood, the overall study will provide an initial report in July.

Regional board to meet public

Sidney residents will have a chance to see the Capital Regional Board in action when it visits here April 12.

The board will meet in the senior citizens centre on Resthaven at 7:30 p.m. and during the first part of the meeting the board will listen to briefs and questions concerning regional board matters.

The board will then conduct its regular meeting, said Jack Fry, information officer for the region.

Board members will be available for discussions following the meeting, he said.

"The idea is to take the board out to the people and let them see how it functions," Fry said.

North Saanich making efforts to pay taxes

A sharp letter sent to North Saanich council by the Saanich school board several weeks ago was received and filed, but this week a second letter was acted upon.

The first letter, which chided council for not paying requisitioned taxes on the due date, was treated as a form letter which aldermen said was probably sent to every council.

But this week's letter, read to council at Monday night's meeting, told council this was not the case.

The letter stated, "School District No. 63 (Saanich) is made up of four municipal components, three of which are now paying their tax requisitions when due."

Council decided to inform the school board that the letter has been received and filed again but that in addition, "every effort to conform with the school act will be made," said the mayor.

Jim Cumming was the only alderman who voted against the letter being acted upon.

The monthly tax requisition in 1977 for the municipality of North Saanich was \$95,660. The amounts due for the months of January, February and March are three payments of \$95,660.

The amount paid to date by North Saanich is \$150,000 leaving an unpaid balance of \$136,977.

Fence request turned down

A letter read at Monday

night's Central Saanich council meeting from a land-owner on Stelly's X Road, requested that the municipality erect a fence beside the approved sidewalk to protect the adjoining property from damage by straying students.

Ald. Percy Lazarz pointed out the cement sidewalk would be four to five feet from the property line and advised council that it was not municipal policy to build fences along public roads.

Council approved Lazarz's motion that the request be denied.

In other actions, Central

Saanich council:

- Arranged that the developer in the Simpson Road area would keep the streets cleaner.

- Denied a request for the municipality to pave the 20-foot strip of private driveway between the street pavement and an owner's property line.

- Approved that an explanation of current water rates with the next water bills be sent.

- Resolved that the North Saanich and Sidney Chamber of Commerce be informed of policy regarding grants, which is not to grant any.

- Proclaimed that May be Medical Alert Month.

Council, school trustees share their problems

Sidney council and Saanich school board kissed and made up in an informal get together in council chambers Monday night.

Misunderstandings and lack of communication between the two bodies arose earlier this year when council questioned a hike in the school board's budget. In an angry exchange of letters the board responded to the criticism by taking council to task over late payment of taxes.

But all was sweetness and light as Mayor Dick Leigh, aldermen and trustees sipped wine and discussed their mutual problems around the table.

Education Minister Pat McGeer emerged as the villain of the piece. Trustee Norma Sealey said McGeer, by inviting municipalities to pass judgement and comment on school boards' budgets, was "throwing out bait."

There is evidence the government would like to centralize control and by putting pressure on councils and school boards the resulting reaction would provide justification for centralization, she said.

Trustee Gerry Kristianson said the provincial government's share in the school budget has dropped this year by 11 per cent. "It seems pretty clear that the minister has made a commitment to independent schools and that 11 per cent drop is money they're going to take out of the pot to pay for it."

This meant, Kristianson said, a greater burden on local taxpayers. "With no industrial basis for taxation it all falls on the people."

Trustees explained how little control the board has over its budget of more than \$11 million. Some 88 per cent - \$9 million - goes in teachers salaries and since the cost of teacher's salaries are determined by arbitration "we don't have any control, arbitrators decide what we are going to pay teachers," Kristianson said.

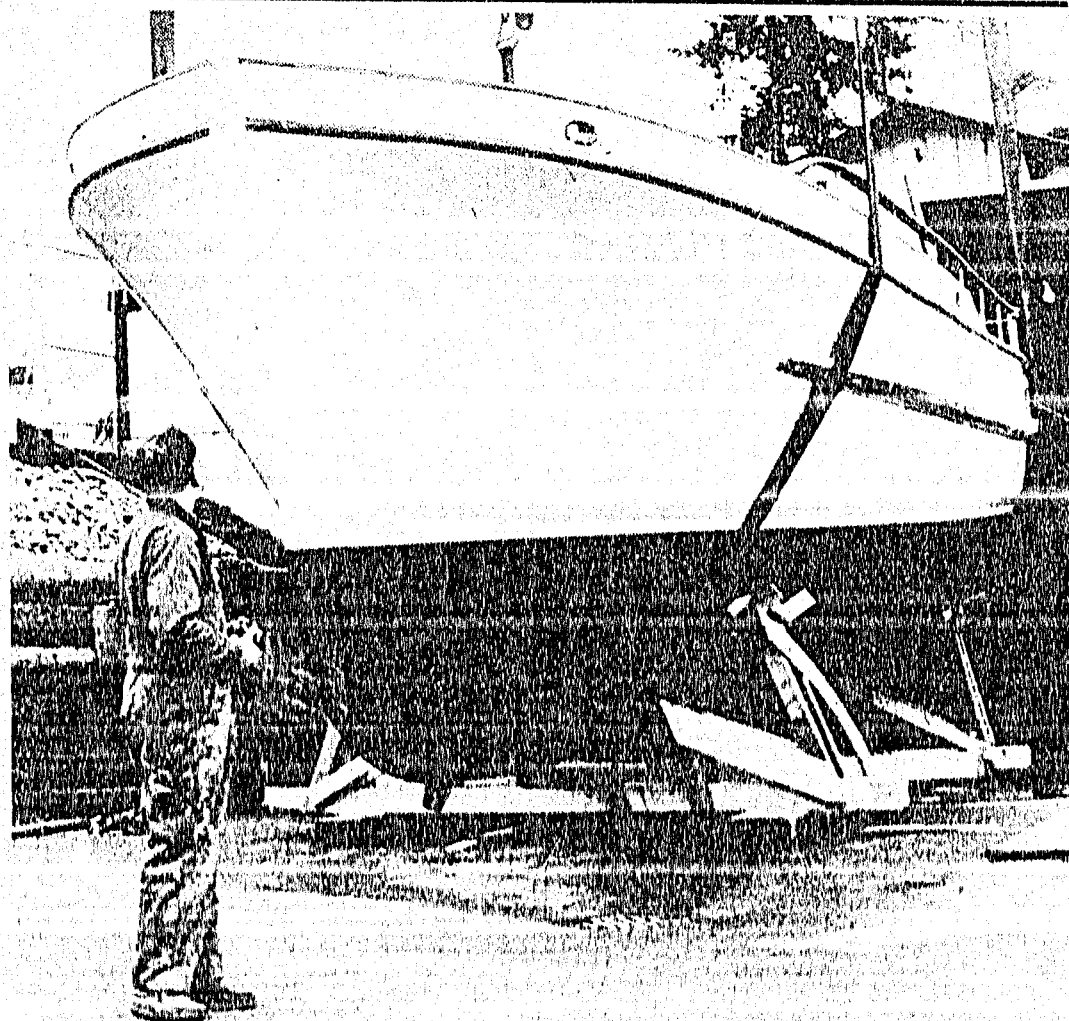
Another thorny problem for council and school board is the collection of local property taxes. Mayor Leigh said residents were \$65,000 in arrears.

Sealey said there should be stronger representation through UBCM for higher penalties on property owners who don't pay their taxes on time.

Town clerk Geoff Logan said the interest on arrears had been raised from 8 per cent to 12 per cent.

A suggestion by Ald. Peter Grant that council and school board co-operate in the development of joint facilities in the community - playing field, tennis courts, etc. - met with enthusiastic response from both sides.

Sealey said Saanich council "although it has no agreement with us, does much that is beneficial to the school district."



Five thousand man hours of work went into this custom built power cruiser recently launched from the Bent Jespersen boat building yard in Sidney. Designed by William Garden of Toud's Landing near Canoe Cove the 37-foot vessel was built by Jespersen's for North Saanich resident Peter Burchett. Constructed of yellow cedar and a medley of exotic hardwoods ISLAND RAVEN is powered by a five cylinder I.W. Gardner diesel engine and has a fuel capacity which would allow her to steam from Sidney to Los Angeles non-stop. Virtually all of bronze fittings used in construction were hand cast by Burchett. The vessel will be used for extensive cruising along the British Columbia coast. [Review photo].

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On April 2 the club held its April Fools Salmon Derby. Top prize of \$100 for the heaviest fish went to

Salmon derby results

Ernie Carley of Sidney for a 10 pound 7 ounce spring salmon caught at Moresby Island. Second place and a prize of \$20 went to Rick Sansbury for a 9 pound 1 ounce spring from Coal Island.

Tom Davis took third

prize of \$15 with an 8 pound 3 ounce fish caught at Moresby Island. A \$15 hidden weight prize went to Peter Clark of Sidney.

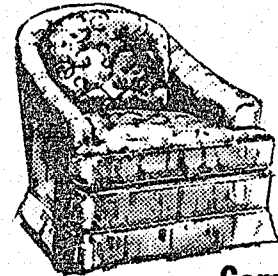
Elwood Thompson landed a 25 pound 4 ounce spring at Moresby the day

before the derby that would have been big enough to win by a big margin, a spokesman for the association said. "The rest of the club would like to thank Elwood for his great sense of timing in allowing some of the other members a chance at the prize money."

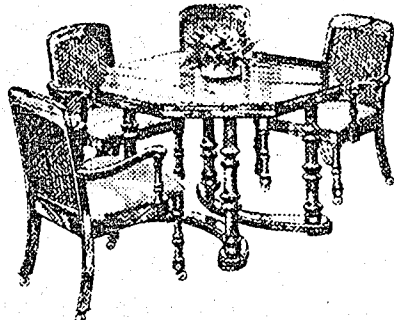
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Bike route eyed

North Saanich alderman Eric Sherwood has recommended to council that the municipality create a safe bike route for patrons of the Panorama Leisure Centre to use.

He suggested assigning East Saanich Road from Canora, crossing the airport road and ending at the sidewalk on McTavish.

Sherwood said the plan is to mark the route with signs.

He added that council will approach Sidney to mark a similar route which would link up to North Saanich's so that youngsters in the town can ride safely all the way to the recreation centre.

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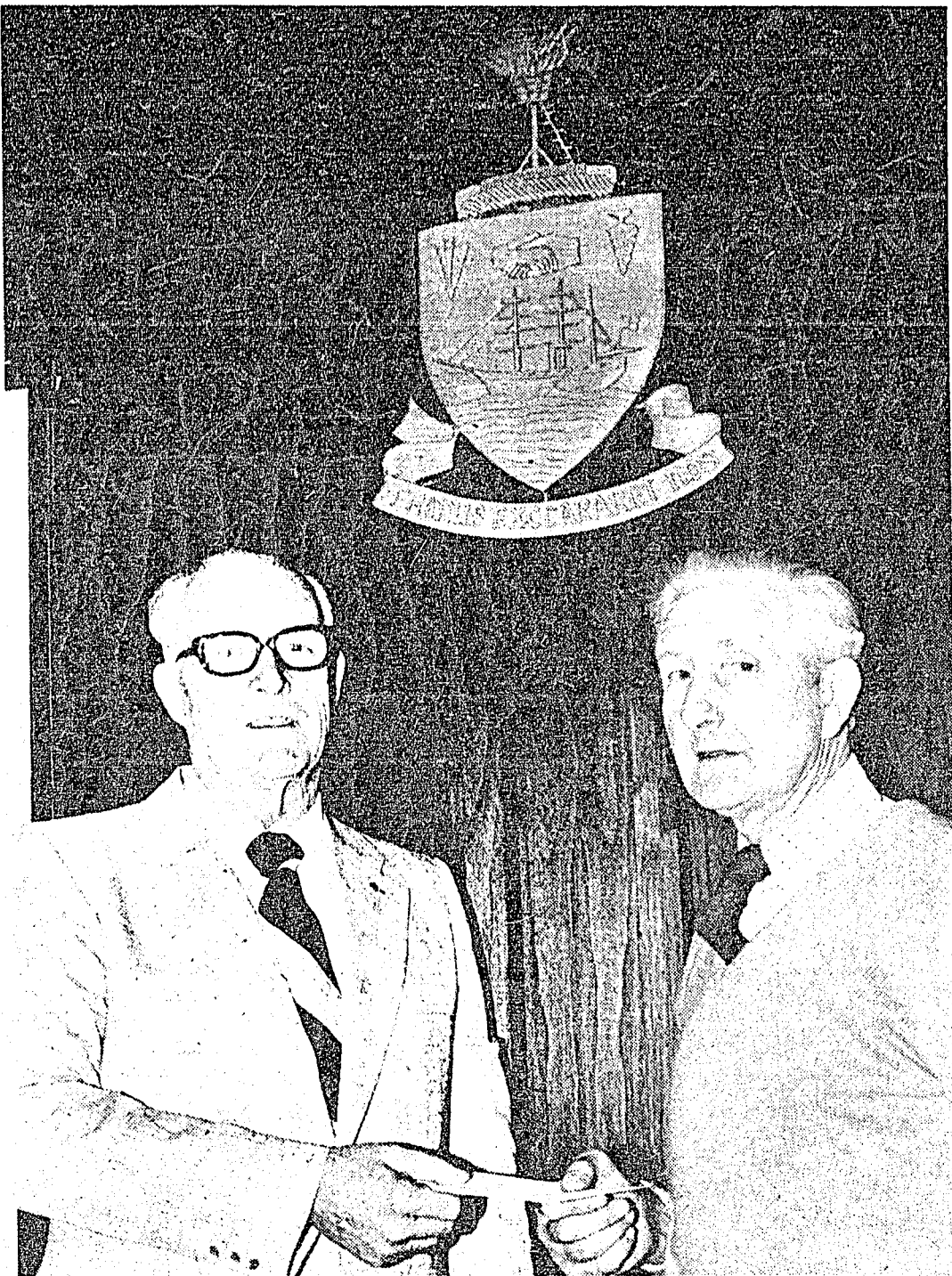
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Scottish dancing way to meet new people

By Mrs. Lucy Whitehouse

A new institution was inaugurated in Sidney when the first social of the Sidney Scottish Country Dancers was held in March. The group is sponsored by the Peninsula Recreation Commission and has been attending Scottish country dancing classes at McTavish Road School for the past year under the direction of Mrs. Frances Clermont, a graduate teacher of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society of St. Andrews, Scotland. The social was an unqualified success with visitors from Scottish Country Dance groups in Victoria and Duncan, and was particularly honored by the presence of Maureen Milgram and Jean Grant of the Panorama Leisure Centre.

Scottish Country Dancing is becoming a fast growing form of recreation for people all over the world - it provides the perfect all-round physical fitness program, in that it is fun, excellent exercise, mentally stimulating, and is a great way to meet new people.

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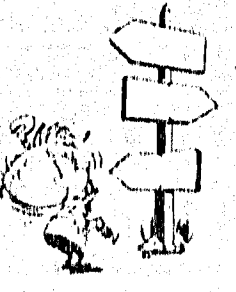
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Tenders called for ferry work

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For so many years has Rest Haven admirably and efficiently served the people of Saanich Peninsula that its closure is regarded by many as a personal loss, and this despite the fact that it is replaced by up-to-date and better equipped acute care and casualty facilities at newly-constructed Saanich Peninsula Hospital on Mount Newton Cross Road.

It must be admitted that by modern standards Rest Haven is more of a mansion than a hospital. Its high ceiling public rooms are in sharp contrast to its antiquated basement layout and cramped clinical accommodation. The staff has worked valiantly under adverse conditions for many years without a doubt.

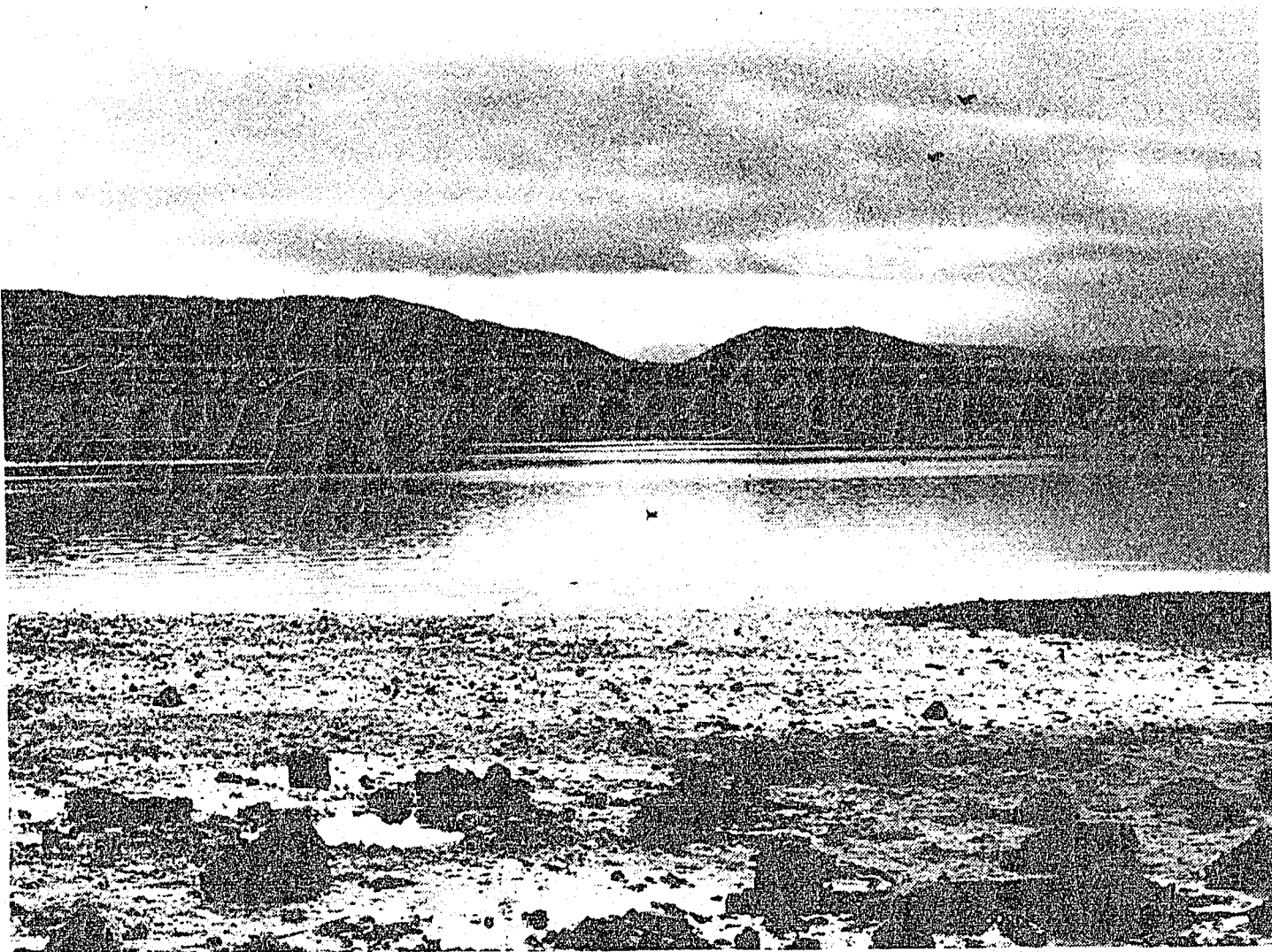
But with all its disadvantages as a hospital the building has heritage quality, and its beautiful seascape surroundings combine to produce a benign and happy atmosphere altogether conducive to the care of the sick and the recovery of health and strength.

Is it too much to hope, therefore, that the Rest Haven building, suitably adapted, may yet have a future health and welfare scheme in this area? Perhaps as an ideally situated institution for convalescents regaining full health and strength under the best possible conditions.

In marking the phasing-out of Rest Haven it is right that a tribute should be paid to the masterly administration of the Seventh Day Adventist Church for so many years. Rest Haven is but one part of its world-wide healing ministry, but it is important that we on Saanich Peninsula should always remember and appreciate its high principles and dedication.

Present day political thought has decreed that hospitals and patient care are matters for secular control. It is a trend now firmly established, but let us not be blind to the inestimable health services contributed by the churches in the countless years before civic responsibilities for care of the sick and disadvantaged were fully awakened.

All honour and grateful thanks to the church administration are well deserved and freely bestowed.



Sunset over Pat Bay

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Review:
The following letter has been sent to Sidney Council.

It is rumoured that you are about to destroy the buildings on the main street at the wharf end of Beacon Avenue on the south side. May I, with respect, ask you to reconsider this action? I, and many others still living, remember Sidney in the early days when wooden sidewalks were the thing, with only a drug store and no bank.

At war's end, George Baal and I worked hard for years trying to convince the old pensioners that they could have sewers and street lights with no increase in taxes if we incorporated. After fighting stiff opposition, we finally did just that.

We helped form the Rotary Club and I became founder president of the AMAF Veterans' Club, perhaps the finest on this island. So money from road licences and liquor came to the village instead of going away into the B.C. gross revenue and the place prospered, being no longer "unorganized territory", but a self-contained entity under local management. It has never looked back.

In 1949, the chicken dinners for which the old Sidney Hotel was famous, disappeared with the building at one o'clock one morning when we were fetched out of bed just across the street to help the firemen.

The old Sidney Trading Post, next door to us, was well-known to mariners up and down the coast as a landmark. In what had been a rose garden for years, I designed and built the Tudor Block, with nothing less than two by six weathered lumber in the whole structure, built to last a century with the "Old Curiosity Shop" how windows which I made by hand myself.

How can you possibly destroy these buildings which tie you to the past? Is all this valuable heritage to be swept away as the price of progress? Is this colourful old village, the one-time terminal of the V. and S. railway, to become a concrete citadel by the sea? Where would be the sense of such stupid destruction? Please think again.

Clarence S. Goode
4690 Cordova Bay

Editor, The Review:

Next week will see the closing of the Rest Haven Hospital and I am sure that the community at large will find many and suitable means of showing their appreciation of the services offered and given freely by the hospital over the years. The move to the new hospital site will no doubt cause many changes for patients and staff, but I am sure that this alteration will soon be accepted and that the community will be well served by this fully equipped unit.

My purpose in writing, is however slightly more devious. I am concerned that the island of Resthaven, the beauty of which has been appreciated by many patients and visitors over the years, may become a private enclave of a favoured few. No doubt the present owners, having now been denied the opportunity of serving the community, will find that they must sell not only the foreshore property but also the island.

Resthaven island is one of the few natural beauty spots of this whole peninsula where waterfront walks can be enjoyed, and though the whole of Tschum Harbour has rapidly filled with marinas etc., there are superb views from here.

I would not be happy if this island suffered the same fate as that of Thumb

Point (near the Latch) and I think that many other people who have neither the time nor the money to see all this magnificent scenery from boats, would agree that we have little left of what must once have been a long and beautiful coastline.

Ideally I would feel that this island would become a provincial park, but I sure that with our present scale of values this idea would raise no great enthusiasm, even though the expression of our material wealth is so obvious in our way of life.

However, it should surely be possible to create land-use controls so that a public footpath could be available around the island at all times. This would be a great benefit for the citizens of this rapidly populating area both now and in the future.

Alex G. Moffoot
9241 Lochside Drive
Sidney

Editor, The Review:

We are now well into the bicycling season and the Capital Region Safety Council would appreciate if the following could be given some publicity:

Many people riding bicycles do not realize that they have the same rights and responsibilities, when riding a bicycle, that drivers of motor vehicles have under the Motor Vehicle Act. In the context of safety, too great an emphasis cannot be placed on the responsibility of the person operating a bicycle. The bicyclist is responsible for not only obeying all rules and regulations applicable to the operation of motor vehicles on streets and highways, but also for the rights of pedestrians in traffic.

A person who operates a bicycle and contravenes a section of the Motor Vehicle Act, is subject to

being charged and convicted of an offence under the act. This further portrays the responsibility that a person assumes when operating a bicycle.

An inordinate number of bicycle riders are violating a number of the rules of the road. One of the most dangerous violations is the failure of the bicycle rider to stop at stop signs. Motorists expect the cyclist to come to a complete stop and failure to do so results in a potentially dangerous situation. The cyclist should also understand that the motorist may not see the bicyclist in time and a situation is created where a collision is likely to occur. In a collision with a motor vehicle the bicyclist is most likely to be injured, probably seriously injured.

Bicyclists generally fail to signal their intentions to motorists and the motorist is left in a quandary. Aside from the fact that bicyclists have a responsibility to indicate to others, who use the streets and highways with them, what their intentions are, bicyclists certainly would want others to signal their intentions if the situation was reversed. Signalling ones' intentions well in advance is not only a responsibility by law, but also a courtesy we owe other users of streets and highways.

Bicycling can be a safe and enjoyable, not to say a healthy means of travelling, if we obey the rules of the road and ride the bicycle properly. Failure to follow the rules can, and frequently does, result in a mishap. Because of the vulnerability, the bicyclist receives the brunt of the damage.

The Capital Region Safety Council urges all bicyclists and all parents of bicyclists to ensure that the rules of the road and practices of safe bicycling are followed.

Capital Region
Safety Council

Goodwill

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Sidney's help

Donations of repairable items have always been the lifeblood of Goodwill's programs for people with handicaps and now one department is in urgent need of a transfusion of small electrical appliances.

Almost overnight the supply of toasters, irons, kettles, mixers and all the other small electrical gadgets, around the house dwindled to almost nothing. A once busy department is almost at a standstill and, unless training and employment are to be severely interrupted, help is urgently needed from the residents of Sidney.

Small appliances can be left in one of Goodwill's deposit booths or arrangements can be made for a pick-up by calling 385-6791.

WEATHER SUMMARY			
Temperatures	13.2°C	Rain	12.9 mm
Max. (Mar. 29)	20.0°C	Snow	nil
Min. (Mar. 20)	0.8°C	Prap. for year	275.1 mm
Mean	8.1°C	Sunshine	30.1 mm
		Total for year	242.3 hrs.
LONG TERM AVERAGES			
Mean Max.	11.3°C	Max. Temp. (Mar. 29)	13°C
Rec. Max. (Mar. 29/41)	20.0°C	Min. Temp. (Mar. 31)	-3°C
Mean Min.	3.0°C	Min. on grass (Mar. 31)	-3°C
Record Min. (Mar. 29/54)	3.9°C	Precipitation	7.6 mm
Mean	7.2°C	Total	254.5 mm
Precipitation	314.2 mm	Sunshine	30.8 hrs.

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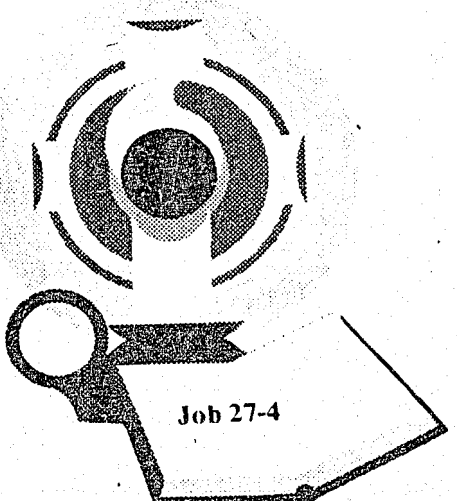
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April 9

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

ST. STEPHEN'S

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:45 a.m. Praise & Worship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Mattins
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Sunday, April 9

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. "Edify One Another"

7:00 p.m. "Double Guarantee"

Monday

6:30 p.m. Crusaders

Tuesday

7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer

Thursday

7:30 p.m. Ambassadors

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11:00 a.m. Two Comings, Two Judgements.

7:00 p.m. "Avoiding the Scornful"

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls

Wednesday

7:30 p.m. Bible Study

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SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Singing

11:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday

7:30 p.m. Singing

8:00 p.m. Bible Study
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United Church of Canada SIDNEY & NORTH SAANICH

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11:00 a.m. Sunday School
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ST. JOHN'S

9:30 a.m. Service Worship

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Office 652-2713
Manse 652-5644

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9:45 a.m.

BRENTWOOD
7162 West Saanich Rd.
11:15 a.m.

For transportation
phone Rev. Adams

Sidney Bible Chapel

9830-5th Street

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. The Lord's Supper

11:00 a.m. Family Bible Hour and Sunday School

7:00 p.m. Evening Service

WEDNESDAY

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April 9
EASTER II

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Dedication of Plaque to memory of Arthur Charles Privett, former headmaster; guest preacher Rev. Tony Roberts former College Chaplain.

Rector
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CHANNEL 10

Sermonette

Tuesday and Thursday

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11:00 a.m. Worship

7:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer

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Anglican Church of Canada THE PARISH OF SIDNEY & NORTH SAANICH

Sunday, April 9, 1978

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Patricia Bay

10:00 a.m. Choral Communion followed by refreshments.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Oakville & Third
2 Blocks S of Beacon

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday School & Nursery.

Thursday April 13th
9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

*North Saanich Men's Club Breakfast Meeting.

Rector:
Rev. Robert Sansom.
656-4870 656-5322

Lawyer and B.C. Tory leader Vic Stephens has just been cited by the B.C. law society for "conduct unbecoming a member of the society." As a lawyer, he is automatically a member of that august body.

Now "unbecoming" may not be a word you use in everyday speech. That is why lawyers use it. It has just the right ring of decorous censoriousness about it that we associate with the legal profession.

Under provincial legislation the law society has control over certification of members and their conduct thereafter. More specifically, a small body of senior lawyers called "benchers" have the real decision-making power.

Now Vic Stephens did not embezzle clients' funds, tell lies in court, or walk naked through Oak Bay village. He did open a storefront law office in Vancouver with a low-cost approach to client services which included helping the client to help himself wherever possible.

Where Stephens went wrong was in telling those inquisitive nuisances, newspaper reporters, what the whole thing was about. As reported by Canadian Press "... he did not seek out the media or blatantly advertise, (but) he did detail the new operation, its methods and fee structure when questioned by reporters."

Stephens' sin, then, appeared to be the breach of



what has long been regarded (if not understood) as the society's unofficial injunction against "advertising."

The mystery deepens, however, when we consider the coy statements of an unnamed "law society member" who is quoted in the April 1 edition of the Vancouver Sun as saying: "It's not a question of advertising." The same nameless spokesman went on to say that the applicable rule was against lawyers acting in a way that was "contrary to the interests of the public, the law society, or degrading to the legal profession."

Then this: "There was an unacceptable potential for deceiving the public as to the nature of Stephens' practice."

Note particularly the word "potential" in that sentence. (Always note every word that issues from a lawyer's mouth). The spokesman is not saying there was actual deception, just the potential for it.

Examined a little closer, this is a curious statement. Lawyers are admitted into the legal fraternity on the basis that they have had a certain training in the art of representing things with clarity rather than confusion. And the communal ethic assumes that they are trusted not to deceive or mislead when in a position of trust.

On the basis of these assumptions, which are lawyers' assumptions, who is better qualified than a lawyer to represent a matter in such a way that the public is not deceived?

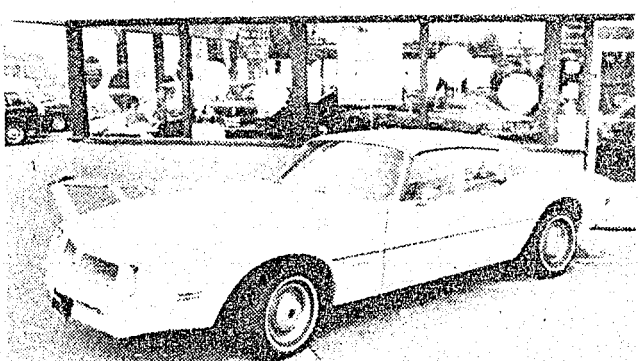
Given the fact that Stephens' storefront operation is somewhat different to the average law practice, how can the public be informed of this different service if the

lawyer in charge is precluded from answering a few elementary questions about it?

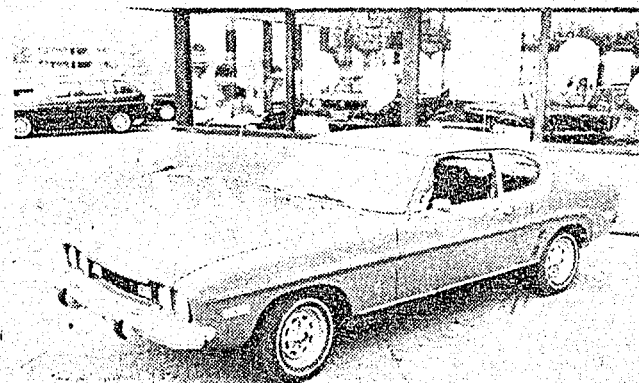
Another element that was objectionable to the benchers was the fact that the statements made by Stephens had the effect of "promoting" his practice. Yet this is an unavoidable spinoff of saying you have something different to offer - and Stephens maintained he had the right, and indeed the duty, to inform people.

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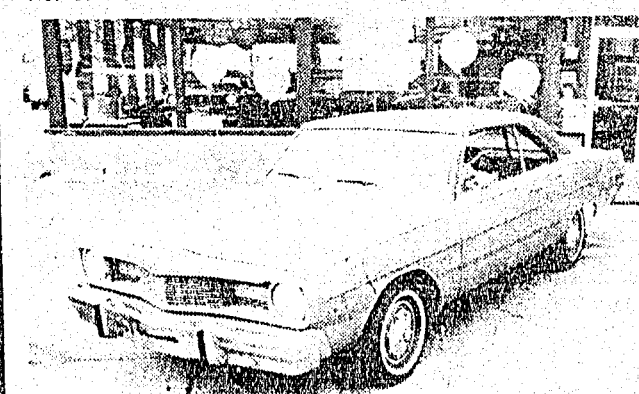
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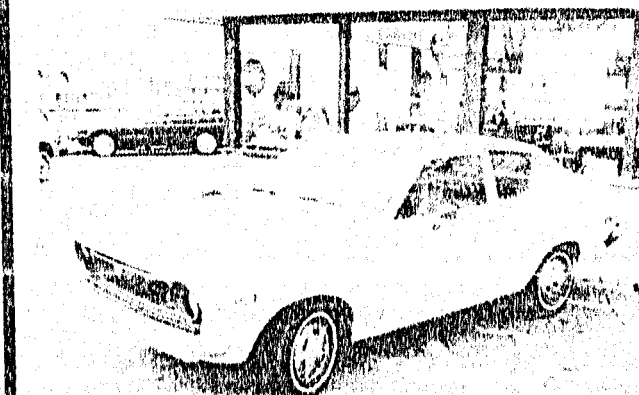
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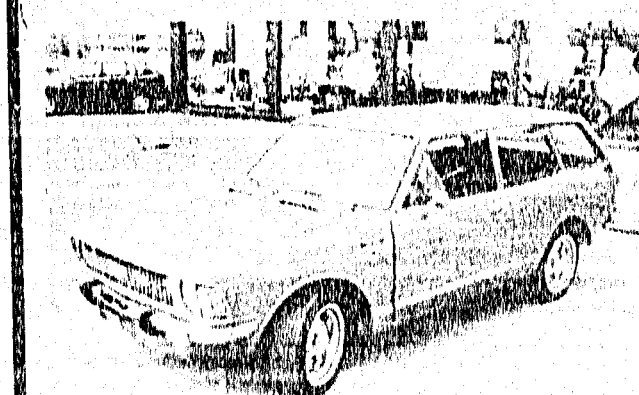
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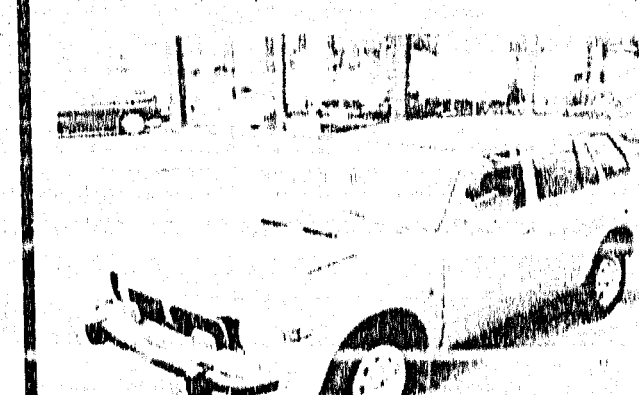
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Sourcery and magic, demonstrations by a hypnotist and an escape artist is the bill of fare at Sanscha Hall Friday and Saturday night starting 8 p.m.

Mentalist and hypnotist Mesmer will demonstrate his powers and call on members of the audience to participate. Shilow - he jumped off Victoria's Johnson Street Bridge in a strait jacket Monday - will try to beat Houdini's record (2.32 seconds) for escape.

He'll also be challenging the audience to tie him up with rope and says he'll be able to extricate himself in the same time it takes to tie him up.

JON Peter Overholt as the magician promises lots of fire and drama during the three-hour show. In one act he suspends a girl on three swords, then removes two of them, leaving her suspended on one sword at the neck.



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HOSPITAL CLOSING

REST HAVEN GENERAL HOSPITAL in Sidney will be closing its doors as an Acute Care Hospital on April 10, 1978 at 8:00 A.M.

All needing hospital care or services are requested to go to the new Saanich Peninsula Hospital on Mt. Newton Cross Road after 8:00 A.M., April 10th.

We wish to thank our many friends and patients who have visited Rest Haven for their support and loyalty.

Rest Haven
General Hospital

Dylan Thomas: biography of a complex man

Dylan Thomas was a legend: the figure (or caricature) of the tormented poet, scarred by poverty, driven to excesses by inner demons, writing his poems in a kind of ecstatic trance. It is not a legend that wears well, and it is to Paul Ferris's credit that his sympathetic, psychologically astute biography discards the myths for documented facts.

Thomas's gift was exuberantly lyric, marked by passionate evocations of nature, sexual energy, and intense nostalgia for the scenes and emotions of childhood. It was a gift he feared would dry up as he aged, and in fact, he had produced nearly half of the work that went into his *Collected Poems* by the age of 21.

By
Mary Kierans

He possessed a remarkable faculty for self-dramatization, self-mockery, and self-pity. He once wrote to a journalist of "my basic melancholy: sullen glooms and black studies; atrocious temper; protracted vegetable comas... pompous, platitudinous, repetitious periods of bottom-raking boredom and boorishness..."

His wife Caitlan said that he wanted to do away with himself before he was 40; he died 12 days after his 39th birthday.

Ferris describes Thomas's chaotic life of early promise, financial uncertainty and physical violence with a sympathetic yet acutely accurate eye. Especially vivid and disturbing are the scenes of his final disintegration on a series of poetry readings and tours in the United States.

Often he arrived drunk and disoriented at readings; he sang "obscene little ditties in women's colleges. He incurred more debts; he drank more; he demanded money, clothes and help from anyone who would offer them. Nevertheless, when he read Auden, Eliot, Wilfred Owen aloud in what Pamela Hansford Johnson had once called "that old port wine of a voice", adoring audiences swore that they understood poetry for the first time.

After a reading in New York, he drank himself into a stupor and collapsed in great pain. He died four days later, his body ruined by alcohol, gastritis, gout and pneumonia.

This startling new biography of this tortured, complex man who could write such stirring, lyrical work is now available from the Sidney or Brentwood branch of the regional library.

Shakespeare at the Phoenix

The final show of the season at the University of Victoria's Phoenix Theatre will be Shakespeare's romantic comedy, *Love's Labour's Lost*, one of Shakespeare's earliest and happiest comedies.

The simple, humorous plot concerns the King of Navarre and his three attending lords, who vow to devote themselves solely to academic pursuits, abstaining from all earthly pleasures (including the

companionship of women) for a period of three years. Of course, the arrival of the Princess of France and her ladies-in-waiting causes the men to realize that Cupid will not be easily neglected and they fall hopelessly in love. To make matters more confusing for them, an assortment of ridiculous comic characters become involved in the situation.

Love's Labour's Lost is directed by Dr. Harvey M. Miller, an associate professor of the theatre department and is his first production since his return from sabbatical in New York where he studied acting and directing and taught directing workshops. Audiences may remember his productions of *What the Butler Saw* and *The Real Inspector Hound* for the Phoenix Summer Theatre, and *Moonchildren* and *Waiting for Godot* for the winter season.

Performances are from March 30 through April 8 at 8 p.m. nightly (except Sunday) with a special matinee performance on April 8 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$3. for adults and \$2. for students and senior citizens.

Talk on diets

Dr. David Makins will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the International Association of Cancer Victoria and Friends to be held April 10, 7:30 at Carnarvon Park Pavilion, off Hendes on on Road.

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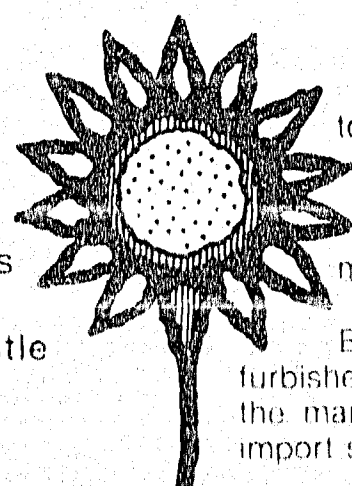
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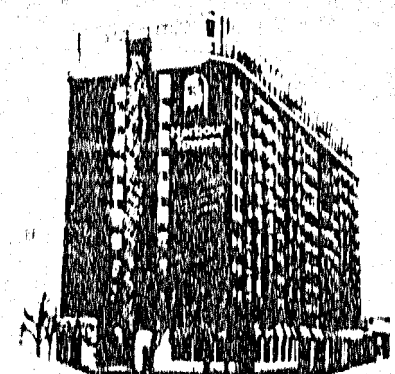
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Above, one of Larry Goodman's customers relaxes on antique CPR seat, soon to be installed in San Diego's Maritime Museum.

400 club winners

Sidney Lions 400 Club March winners are:
March 2 ticket no. 323 — Jimmy Ho, March 9 ticket no. 160 — Larry Ellis, March 16 ticket no. 107 — Frances Clarke, March 23 ticket no. 397 — K. Norris and Alice White, March 30 ticket no. 107 — Frances Clarke.

Barber's seats go to museum

It's goodbye to barbering for Larry Goodman, who closed the door of his store, Sidney Barber, on Beacon Avenue for the last time Friday.

After 23 years in that location Goodman has decided to quit. "I like Sidney and the town's been good to me," he says regretfully. The barber vacated the store to make room for Style Tone Dry Cleaners but says he's only semi-retired. When Sidney has sufficient water he may develop property he owns.

Along with Goodman goes the store's antique mahogany and leather seats customers have sat and waited their turn in since the 1950s. Built in 1900, they were relics first of the CP rail and later the CPR boat, Princess Joan.

Capital Iron wrecked the boat in 1954 and Goodman purchased the seats. Now one is on its way to the Maritime Museum in San Diego and another has been given to an upholsterer who intends to make it over.

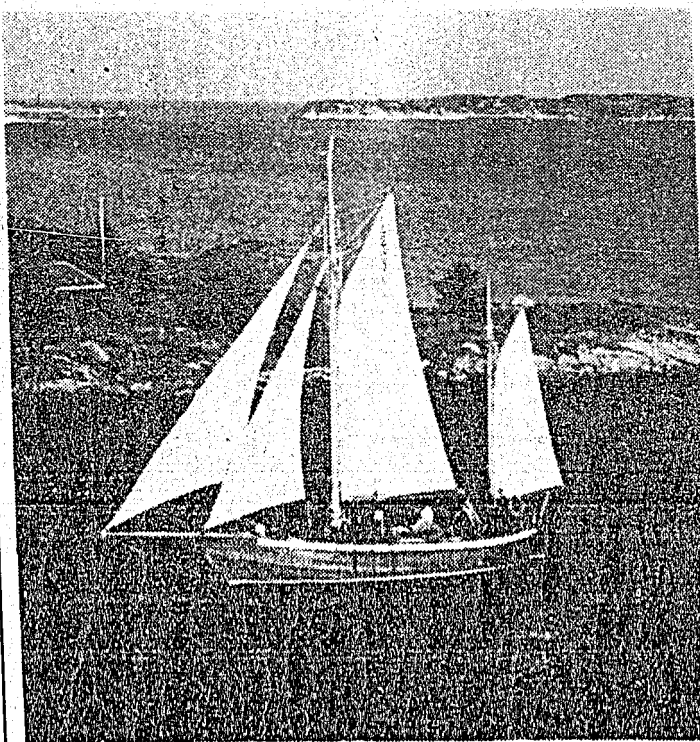
Youngsters need camping gear

Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Greater Victoria need used camping equipment (tents to cooking gear) and

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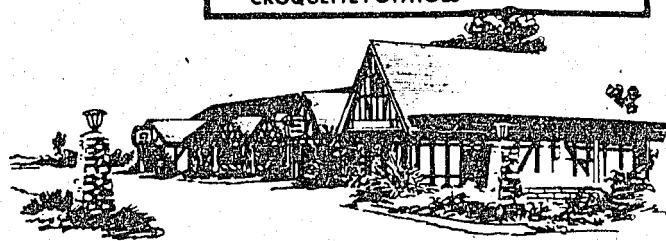
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PUBLIC HEARING ROYAL COMMISSION ON ELECTORAL REFORM, 1978

The following Public Hearings will be held by the Royal Commission on Electoral Reform, 1978, in the Province of British Columbia appointed under authority of Order-in-Council 82, approved January 12, 1978, namely:

SAANICH & THE ISLANDS ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Salt Spring Island—Court House, Lower Ganges Road, Ganges, B.C.—Tuesday, April 18 at 1 pm.

Sidney—Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 2440 Sidney Street—Wednesday, April 19 at 10 am.

VICTORIA ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Victoria—Court Room "C", 3rd Floor, Court House, 850 Burdett Avenue—Thursday, April 20 at 9:30 am.

The Commission will make inquiry into and concerning the need, if any, for amendment of the Constitution Act and the Provincial Elections Act in order:

- to secure, by whatever redefinition of electoral districts is required, proper and effective representation of the people of all parts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly and that in formulating the recommendations to be contained in the report the Commissioner take into account where feasible historical and regional claims for representation,
- to give consideration to alternative methods of voting to those presently used within the Province and elsewhere,
- to give consideration to eligibility requirements to voters in provincial elections, and
- to make inquiry into and concerning the desirability to assembling suitable guidelines regarding the collection and expenditure of funds by provincial political parties and by candidates in provincial elections,
- to make inquiry into and concerning the desirability of an income tax deduction related to contributions to provincial political funds, and
- to make inquiry into and concerning the need or advisability, if any, of proposing legislative provisions to prescribe requirements for the designation of political parties for the purposes of status in the Legislative Assembly.

All persons desiring to be heard by the Commission at any of the aforementioned Hearings are requested to forthwith send to the Commission at the below noted address a letter of intention to appear and stating the nature of their interest.

Submissions for any of the above-mentioned Hearings should be delivered to the Commission addressed as follows:

Royal Commission on Electoral Reform, 1978
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not later than one day prior to the date of Hearing, time permitting. Schedules for proposed future Hearings throughout the Province will be announced in due course.

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Genstar details development proposal

Speaking in relays for nearly an hour and a half last Tuesday night, and assisted by projected color slides, Neville Bothwell, executive vice president of Genstar Ltd. and Barry K. Sharpe, its regional general manager, presented their company's proposals in detail for the residential development of its Tod Inlet property to Ald. George MacFarlane's zoning and sub-division committee and spectators assembled in Stelly's School auditorium.

Bothwell told the meeting that in April last year Central Saanich council had unanimously declared

Genstar's 22 acres on Tod Inlet and adjoining Butchart Gardens as a development area based on specific proposals by the company. During the year, as a result of consultations between municipal staff, representatives of Genstar and professional planners a proposed land use contract had been formulated.

It was the purpose of the meeting to present 'Genstar's terms to the committee for consideration and also in view of the wide public interest to make a full presentation of the project and all its implications, he said.

Bothwell next reviewed Genstar's corporate record. His company, he said, prepares land for the building industry, but does not build houses itself. It is a major developer in the western Canada with a 30-year history of development and its record is "of the highest order for doing what it says it will and for doing it well."

"Genstar", Bothwell declared, "is a public company with its shares listed for trade on the Toronto and other stock exchanges; close to 45 per cent of the common shares are owned in Canada. Genstar employs about 8,000 people in Canada and in 1977 invested \$107 million in the Canadian economy. Genstar is a producer in the Canadian economy ... that produces ... actual wealth in Canada on which you and I and the government are virtually totally dependent."

Bothwell then enumerated seven examples totalling some 68 acres of land in Greater Victoria donated or leased or sold at favorable terms for community purposes. This

included six acres in 1961 "to Butchart Gardens including the site for the Ross fountain and the original smoke stack at virtually a nominal sum."

Bothwell said another aspect of the community Genstar has studied is the question of municipal financing of some major projects which Central Saanich Municipality has to undertake.

"You are all aware that a new water transmission main is required for the Saanich Peninsula. The cost cannot be borne by the largely agricultural tax base and, unless taxpayers face a substantial increase in taxes, requires an expanded consumer base to finance its construction.

"Similarly, extensions to the sewage facilities are required. It became evident during the community plan studies that a continuation in growth at a reasonable rate was essential. As most of Central Saanich is agricultural, your plan directs this further development to infill of existing areas and development of vacant non-agricultural lands such as Tod Inlet."

Bothwell next replied to objections raised by Butchart Gardens concerning the development. "As a land owner", he said, "we do have certain property rights in the same way as each of you have certain property rights in

relation to the property you own. On this point of property rights, I would like to deal with the basic proposition that Mr. Ian Ross of Butchart Gardens placed before you in his presentation.

"He proposed that Genstar's property near the gardens should be sterilized to provide, in effect, a large buffer to his enterprise, Butchart Gardens."

We reject that proposition, Bothwell said. "No property owner should be expected to sterilize his property for the benefit of his neighbor. You, Mr. Chairman should not be called upon to have your land vacant for the benefit of your neighbor, and neither should Genstar nor anybody else in this audience.

"As land owners, each of us have an obligation to ensure that the manner in which we develop our respective lands be reasonably compatible with adjoining land uses, and community plans and zoning by-laws are the tools to effect this ...

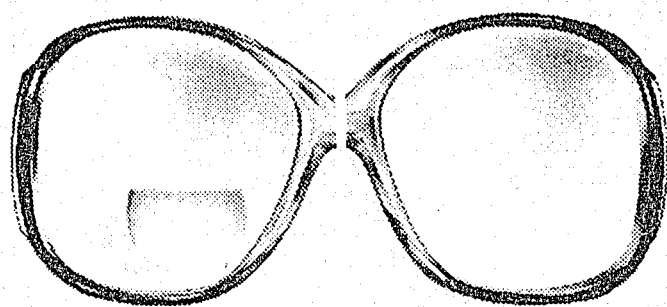
He said Genstar has "willingly accepted this obligation of compatibility toward all of our neighbors at Tod Inlet. As a matter of fact with Butchart Gardens as a neighbor, we recognize an even greater duty to

ensure compatibility. So Mr. Chairman, compatibility but not sterilization."

Bothwell then proceeded to demonstrate with photographs and diagrams that very little, if any, of his proposed development would be visible from Butchart Gardens main vantage point, the development being screened by topography, foliage and an existing derelict building.

Barry Sharpe then took over to explain the minute details of the actual proposed constructions divided into eight areas designate A to H. It would include, he said, approximately 181 dwellings to house about 550 people plus a small commercial area and extensive landscaping, the main feature of which was a boardwalk along the waterfront for public use and costing about \$400,000.

Genstar would pay all costs for site development, servicing, landscaping, and construction of new access roads. Although not needed for phase I it was willing to donate a site for a school in phase II which would include about 250 adjoining acres in Central Saanich, now indicated as a single family dwelling area.



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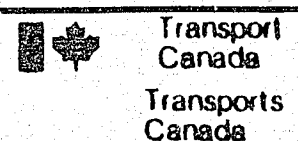
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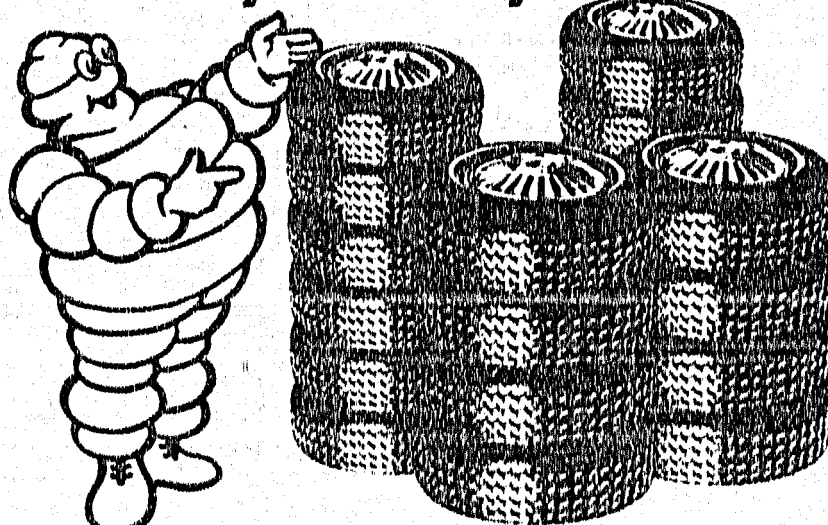
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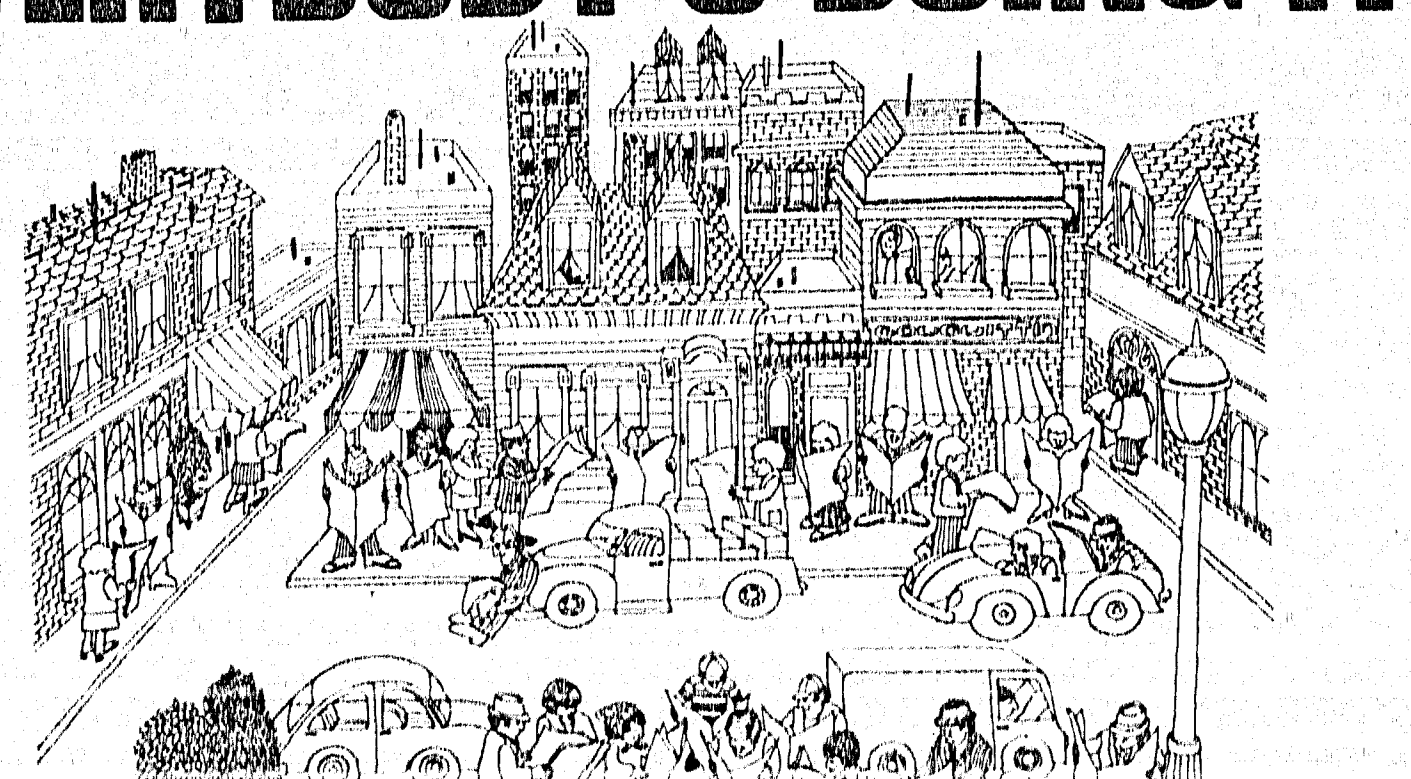
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For Socred Lew King, the cause is larger than personal ambition

By TONY SALOWAY

After 42 years of active involvement in the Social Credit movement, Lew King's faith in Social Credit principles is unwavering.

Born in Saskatchewan 68 years ago, King has nevertheless lived most of his life in the Saanich Peninsula. He is currently B.C.'s vice-president of the Social Credit Party of Canada and last week played host to Martin Hattersley, a candidate for the national party leadership, at his home in Harbour Road, Sidney.

King clearly thinks highly of Hattersley, but doubts if he'll capture the leadership. He doesn't have the charisma of a Phil Gaglardi or a Lorne Reznowski, says King.

For one brief period, from 1952-3, King was MLA for

Fort George, and sat under former premier W.A.C. Bennett in the first Social Credit administration in B.C. But then he lost the nomination to Ray Williston and wound up as his rival's campaign manager.

"I didn't take care of my back", says King in reference to this defeat. And truly he seems about the opposite of the stereotype of the politician. Modest, not pushy, and obviously believing the cause is larger than an individual's personal ambitions.

King started out in life "following the sea" and was an officer with the B.C. ferry fleet for six years before his retirement. He is proud of the fact that he holds ship's officers papers for anywhere in the world. But seafaring has clearly never been an obstacle to his involvement in that pastime of landlubbers: politics.

His father was at one time an adviser to the first Social Credit premier of Alberta, William Aberhardt. During the early days King "pooh-poohed" Social Credit ideas, "like everyone else." Then he met a certain Major Jukes, who had known the founder of Social Credit, Major Douglas. Jukes was responsible for his "indoctrination", he says with a grin.

King agrees that many people look upon Social Credit monetary theory as a mystery. But he balks when asked to give a full-blown exposition of the theory. In simple terms the object is apparently to bring about a situation in which the amount of money in circulation equals the goods and services being produced.

There would be no inflation or deflation in this scenario, and the Bank of Canada would issue money to the government "debt free". King explains: the government should not have to borrow money (an artificial commodity) on the strength of what is already produced within the country.

More enlightenment is contained in a publication King refers to. The gist of the problem is that we are suffering from an embarrassment of riches so great that "even with hundreds of thousands of people not working at all and other hundreds of thousands doing work which produces nothing in the economic sense, we still have to displace workers from productive jobs because they are churning out an excess of goods". The solution to the scourge of unemployment is hence to ensure that people receive enough extra money automatically to buy the goods being produced at any one time.

Perhaps this is all too good to be true - and since the first appearance of Social Credit many have clearly thought so. Yet few would probably disagree with the description of our present economic plight.

Social Credit is a free enterprise party, but King thinks there's precious little free enterprise in Canada. He's against the excesses of big business as well as those of big government. But the problem of cartels is too big for provincial governments and has to be handled on the federal level, which, he says, is the reason the long-lived Alberta and British Columbia Social Credit administrations never got to grips with it.

King acknowledges that many of the other Social Credit tenets could equally be associated with the Conservative cause. He lists items such as reducing the size of government and bureaucratic decentralisation, as well as moral issues such as opposition to wide-open abortion and belief in capital punishment.

The difference, says King, is that many of these items are not official policy in either Conservative or Liberal parties. To him, the PCs are "different only in degree" to the federal Liberals. "Canada is almost a dictatorship today," he says with feeling.

The national Social Credit party meets in Winnipeg in

May to choose a new leader before the expected June election. All the current MPs are from Quebec, but the Quebecers probably won't field a candidate, says King, because they realise that English Canada won't be receptive.

The Quebec wing is thus for the time being putting party before regional interests, and hopes a candidate from outside Quebec can win seats in the rest of Canada.

The candidacy of Phil Gaglardi is probably of most interest to British Columbians and King claims he has terrific backing from businessmen and chambers of commerce across Canada.

Asked if Gaglardi was being a shy violet in not filing nomination papers for the leadership, King replied: "A funny sort of shy violet. He saw to it that the papers went in."

Gaglardi's advantages, according to King, are dynamism, charisma and being a good public speaker. He's well known across Canada as a result of his long service in British Columbia politics. No, he doesn't speak French. But as the man himself says: "they sure understand me."

A national Social Credit government has not yet become a reality and still seems a long way off. How does King view the past Social Credit administrations in British Columbia and Alberta and why did they lose office?

"In the end they became sloppy", he says. "In Alberta, Social Credit were in power for 36 years. They thought they were infallible and started to disregard the people." He adds: "To some degree the same thing happened here."

He attributes the Social Credit resurgence in B.C. to the experience of the NDP, whereas in Alberta the Conservatives took over and are still in power because they carried on in much the same way as their predecessors, but with fresh faces and a fresh approach.

But how "Social Credit" has either government been?

It's impossible to fully implement the monetary theory on the provincial level, says King. Aberhardt in Alberta tried it, but the legislation was struck down as unconstitutional. As for W.A.C. Bennett, "he always said he decided things in accordance with Social Credit principles."

But King thinks the present administration of Bill Bennett is not very "Social Credit." He defends the induction of people like Allan Williams and Pat McGeer, saying they are knowledgeable and carry a lot of prestige, but agrees that the final result is something which could just as well be given another name, such as "Unity Party."

He finds quite a contrast between father and son. W.A.C. was a poor speaker, he says. His mind was ahead of his words. But in actions he could be very bold.

Bill Bennett, on the other hand, "appears to think things out more, and express himself better."

If he had one real criticism of the present administration it's that they are not doing enough for small business. This was a matter that came to the fore at the last provincial party convention. There are promises in the recent throne speech to help small business and King hopes the government will "get on and do it."

Listening to Lew King, it's hard to avoid the conclusion that he would have made a worthy addition to the legislative team of either Bennett Sr. or Jr., certainly for longer than the meagre one-year term he served back in the 1950s.

He's not cabinet material, perhaps, but he's the kind of person who would be an ever-present reminder to the government whenever it stopped "listening to the people."

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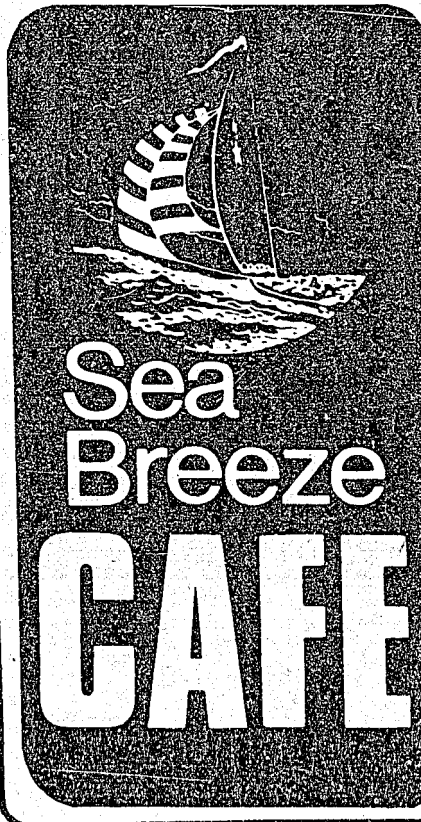
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By EDITH SMITH

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A sunny warm day brought out many more than was expected and members were on hand to help with seating arrangements and to see that all patients took part in a delicious tea donated by pensioners. Each patient received a beautiful floral corsage made by Ted and Sadie Holloway, and flowers decorated each table in the patients' dining area.

Jack Rogers, past president of Branch 25 opened the afternoon's entertainment and introduced Ann Spicer, co-ordinator of hospital social activities, who in turn called on Mary Charlesworth, convener of the project, to start the proceedings.

Six couples of Silver Threads square dancing team formed three sets led

by Evelyn Goodrick and assistant, and this interlude was very much enjoyed by all present.

During the pouring of tea, Sheila Marshall presented a number of young people who performed a toe dancing routine, and a tap dancing pair went into some lively steps. The dancers were rewarded by a big hand of applause from patients and visitors. Mrs. Jean Williams played the piano.

Jack Rogers and Ann Spicer thanked those who helped make the afternoon a success, also those who provided transportation to others in order that they could attend. Mary Charlesworth wishes to convey to the committee and all who donated the splendid tea goodies her heartfelt appreciation of helping to make her job easier, contributing to the success of the project. She hopes to entertain the patients several times during the coming year if possible.

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